



United States Navy drawings and specifications for fittings, Circa 1945

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Creators

United States. Navy
New York Shipbuilding Corporation

Extent

1 Folder, 124 Items bound

Repository

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park
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Scope and Content

The collection is open for use.

The collection consists of 124 diazo diagrams of, and specifications for, various ship and boat fittings. Fittings detailed include door handles, fair leads, bitt and chock, iron hand wheels, locks, hinges, standard keyways, boat davit sockets, ventilator hoods and lifting pads for guns. The drawings are fastened together with three brass ties.

Some detailed diagrams are of fittings for a variety of specific ships and boats. These include the U.S.S. MISSOURI, U.S.S. ILLINOIS, U.S.S. ARKANSAS, S.S. MONGOLIA, S.S. KERSHAW & S.S. NANTUCKET, S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, the battleship KANSAS and U.S.T.D.B. STRINGHAM.

Some diazotypes show standard fittings used on United States Navy ships, U.S. dredgers, New York Shipbuilding Corporation vessels, New York fire tugs, or for ships made by the H. & H. Company, the M.S. Company (Merrit-Chapman & Scott Corp.) and the N. & L. Company.

History

This collection includes detailed drawings of fittings from numerous ships. Included here is some basic information for a few of these ships; researchers will have to compile more detailed histories on their own.

The U.S.S. MISSOURI, an Iowa-class battleship, was laid down at the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn in 1941. The ship was launched and commissioned in 1944.

The keel of the U.S.S. ILLINOIS was laid at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in January 1945. It was scheduled to be an Iowa-class battleship but was canceled and scrapped in August 1945.

The U.S.S. ARKANSAS was a Wyoming-class battleship. Its keel was laid down in 1910 in Camden, New Jersey by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation. The ship was commissioned in the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1912 and saw duty in both World War I and World War II.

The S.S. MONGOLIA was built by New York Shipbuilding in Camden, New Jersey in 1902. The ship was ordered by E.H. Harriman's Pacific Mail Steamship Company for its San Francisco-Far East route. The vessel was commissioned by the U.S. Navy in 1919 and served in both world wars as the U.S.S. MONGOLIA.

The U.S.S. KANSAS was a Connecticut-class battleship. Its keel was laid down in Camden, New Jersey by the New York Shipbuilding Company in 1905, it was launched in 1905, commissioned in 1907 and decommissioned in 1921.

Please note that some history or related collections may have been overlooked. This is because the names of ships were often changed; some ships were pressed into military service and their designation changed from SS to USS (e.g. the MONGOLIA); and ships from different time periods had the same name (e.g. there was more than one NANTUCKET). Someone with more knowledge of naval history will be able to track down more information about the ships featured in this collection.

Arrangement

Original order was maintained.

Provenance

This collection was transferred from Golden Gate National Recreational Area to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in 1988.

Language

English

Associated Materials

S.F. Museum of Science and Industry photo collection, 1890-1945. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. [SAFR 354, PHOCOLL P83-088]. 2 photos of Japanese surrender.

Martha Hoffman ship and train postcard album, undated. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. [SAFR 20704, PHOCOLL P05-016]. Includes over 30 postcards of U.S. naval vessels.

Plan of passenger accommodations for the SS Mongolia, undated. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. [SAFR 15690].

Print of SS Mongolia, 1907. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. [SAFR 16321].

Chester P. Locklin photographs, U.S.S. NANTUCKET photographs, circa 1940. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. [SAFR 19471, PHOCOLL P78-428].

Reference Terms

Missouri (Battleship : BB 63) (LCCC)
Illinois (Battleship) (LCCC)
Arkansas (Battleship) (LCCC)
Mongolia (Steamship) [from old catalog] (LCCC)
Nantucket (Steamship) (LCCC)
Battleships (LCCC)
Shipbuilding industry--Military aspects--United States (LCCC)
World War, 1939-1945--Naval Operations--American (LCCC)
New York Shipbuilding Corporation (LCCC)
United States. Navy.(LCCC)

Index terms

Architectural drawings--Marine (TGM/LOOC)
Diazotypes (TGM/LOOC)
Naval architecture drawings (TGM/LOOC)

Condition

There is some wear and discoloration around the edges of the documents, but overall the drawings are in good conditions. The fasteners are brass, so there is no rust.

Cataloguer

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